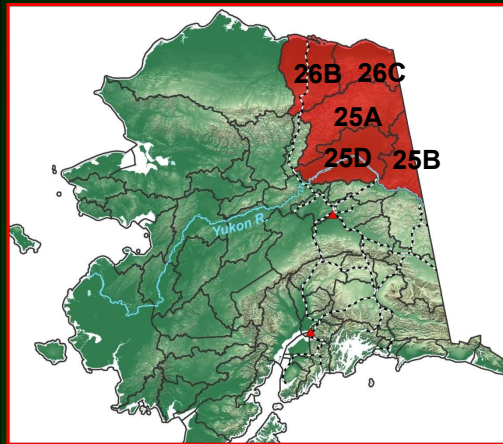


## Northeast Alaska Area

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Units: 25A, 25B, 25D,  
26B & 26C

Upper Yukon drainage  
Central & Eastern North Slope

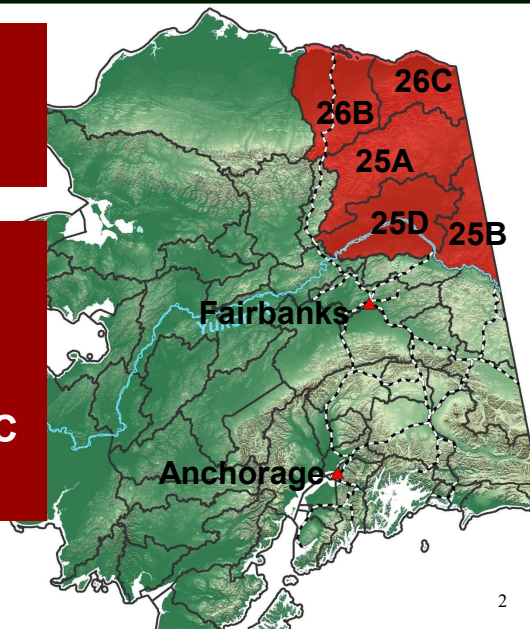
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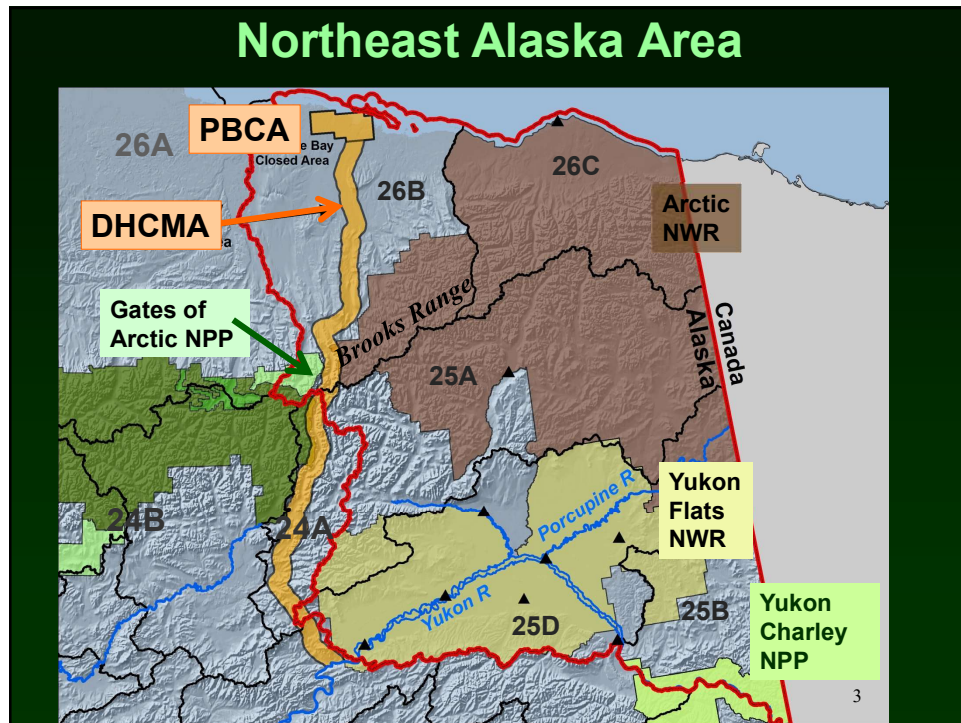
- 74,000 mi<sup>2</sup>
- 1,700 people
- 9 communities

- Yukon Flats AC
- North Slope AC
- Eastern Interior RAC
- North Slope RAC

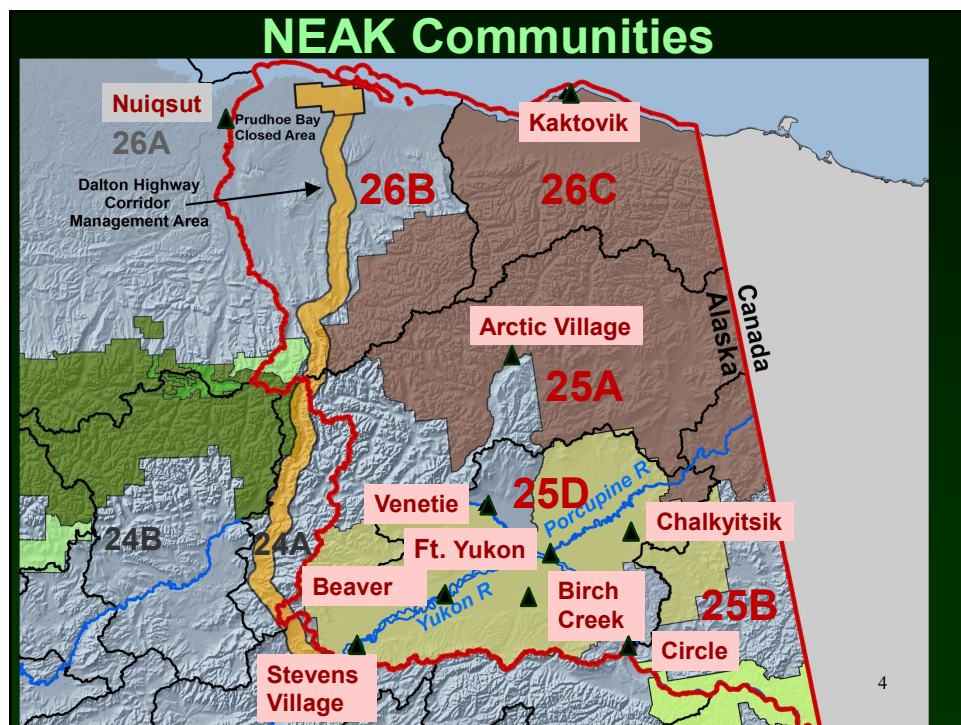


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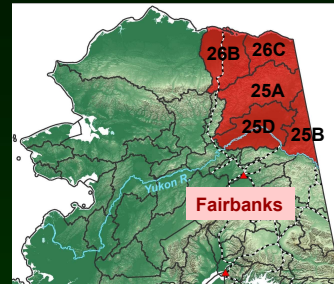
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## NEAK BLACK BEAR



### Unit 25A, 25B & D

- Low density in 25A
- High density in 25B & 25D
- Low harvest
- No sealing



### Unit 26B & C

- No black bears



Issues: Predation on moose calves in 25D

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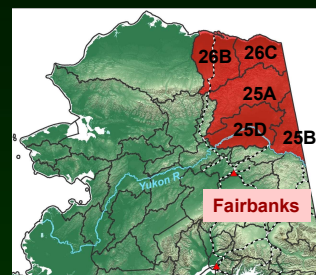
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## NEAK BROWN BEAR



### Unit 25A, B, D

- 25A = Medium density & harvest
- 25B,D Medium density & low harvest



### Unit 26B & 26C

- Medium density & harvest

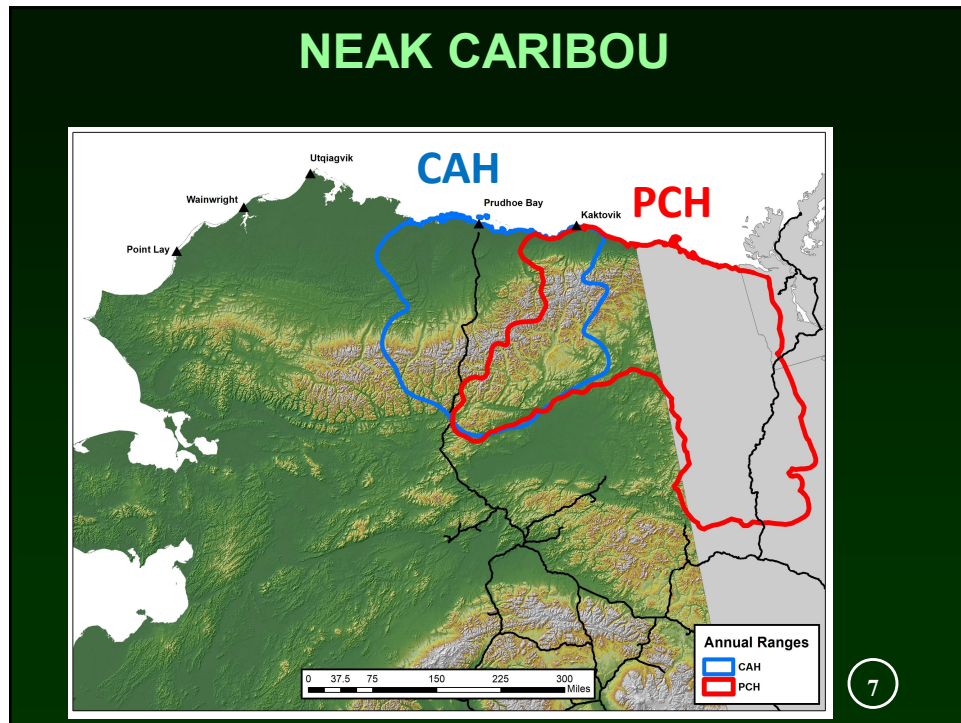


Issues: Predation on muskoxen in 26B

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## NEAK CARIBOU

### Porcupine Caribou Herd


- **Stable or increasing**
  - ✓ 218,000 caribou in 2017
- **Low harvest in AK**
- **International cooperative management w/ Canada**

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Proposal 78

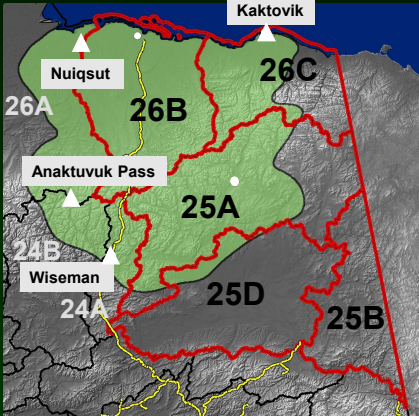
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## NEAK CARIBOU



### Central Arctic Caribou Herd

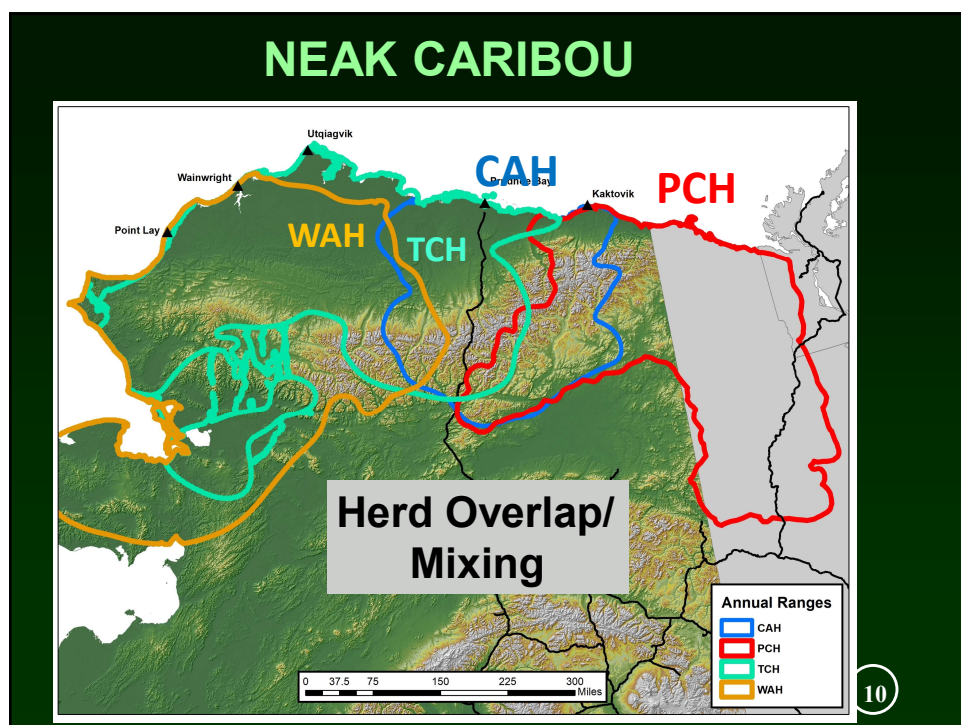
- **Stable**
  - ✓ 30,000 caribou in 2019
- **More restrictive regulations implemented in 2017**
- **Low to moderate harvest**



**Proposals 78, 79, 80, 81**


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## NEAK MOOSE



Units 25A, 25B & 25D

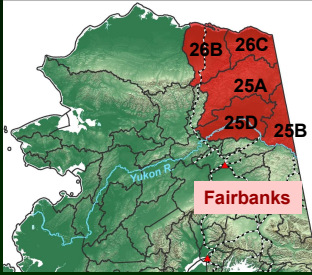
- Low densities
- Good to high bull:cow ratios
- Low harvest

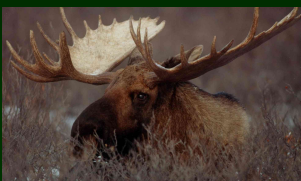
Units 26B & 26C

- Very low density
- Seasons closed

Issues:

- Low densities in good habitat in 25D
- Black bear predation on calves in 25D






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## NEAK MUSKOX




**Eastern North Slope (Units 26B & C, eastern 26A)**

- Substantial decline during early 2000s
- During 2000–2016, population stabilized at reduced density of ~200
- All hunts closed by 2006

Population objective = 300

2019 Population = 297




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Proposal 77

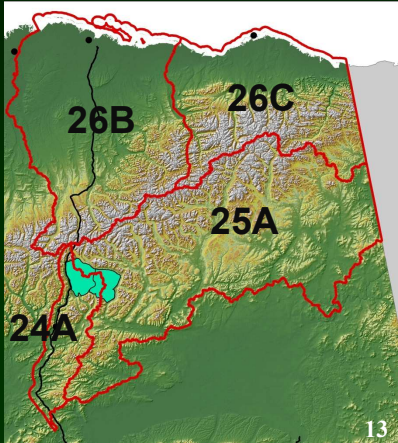
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## NEAK DALL SHEEP



**Eastern Brooks Range:** Units 24A, 25A, 26B, 26C

- **Population likely stable**
- **Full curl regulation**
  - success rates good
- **RS595 permit for 3 sheep**
  - few permits issued




Proposals 82, 83, 84, 85

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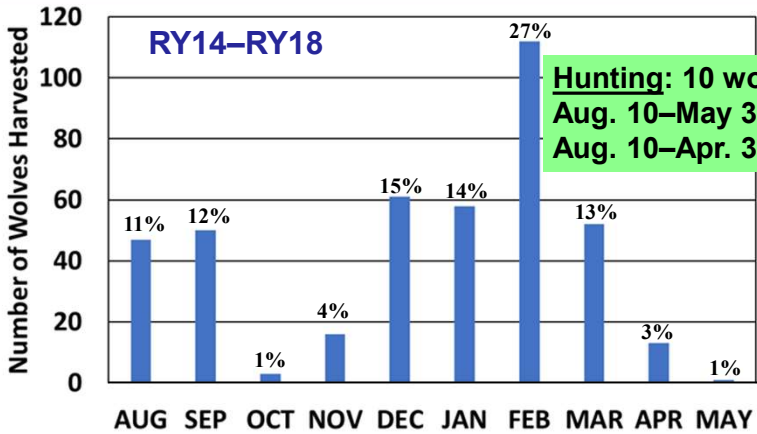
## NEAK WOLF



**Units 25A, B, D & 26B, C**

**5-year average wolf harvest by month**

**RY14–RY18**



Month	Percentage
AUG	11%
SEP	12%
OCT	1%
NOV	4%
DEC	15%
JAN	14%
FEB	27%
MAR	13%
APR	3%
MAY	1%

**Hunting: 10 wolves**  
 Aug. 10–May 31 (25A, B, D)  
 Aug. 10–Apr. 30 (26B, C)

**Trapping: Nov. 1–Apr. 30; no limit**

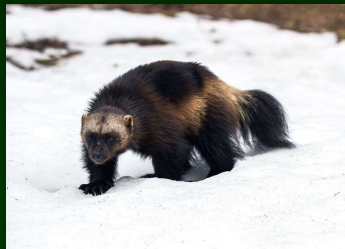
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## NEAK FUR

### Units 25A, B, D & 26B, C: Sealing data

<u>RY14–RY18</u>	<u>Total harvest</u>
Lynx	3,402 ( <i>mostly 25D</i> )
Wolverine	332



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## NEAK SMALL GAME

- Abundant snowshoe hares, grouse & ptarmigan
- Harvest is low relative to populations



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## END of NEAK Overview

Any Questions?



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